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#### **RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

# [XXX] NO FEES ARE PAYABLE WITH RESPECT TO THIS RESPONSE.

In response to the official action mailed August 7, 2008, please enter the following before reconsideration of this application.

# In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 17-19, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, and amend claims 13, 20, 22, 23, 25 and 26 as follows in which the claim additions are shown by underlining and/or the claim deletions are shown by strikeout or brackets. Please enter the amended claims into the record of this case.

# In the Drawings:

Please amend FIG. 6 of the drawings, presently on file, as indicated in red ink on the accompanying Annotated Drawing. The Applicant respectfully requests approval of all of the requested drawing amendment(s) at this time. Also please enter the accompanying new Replacement Sheet of drawing which incorporates all of the requested drawing amendments.

#### In the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [034] of the specification as follows in which the specification additions are shown by underlining and the specification deletions are shown by strikeout or double brackets. Please enter the replacement specification paragraphs into the record of this case.

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For example, as illustrated in figure 6, electric motors 160, 162 powering the rear wheels 16 of a truck 10, may be connected in series, to a suitable power source 164, for example a battery or an engine driven generator. The electric motor 44 driving the front wheel 40, is connected to the power source 164, in parallel with the electric motors 160, 162. The power source 164 is connected to the motors 44, 160, 162, by switch means 66 by which the power may be reversed, to reverse the motors 44, 160, 162. The circuit also includes a start switch 167 and means 168 controlled by the drive control pedal 26, to control the speed of the motors 44, 160, 162.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A fork lift truck (10) comprising a truck body (12), a lift mechanism (14) connected to the truck body (12) by means of a vertically extending pivot (52) and means (24) for turning the lift mechanism (14) relative to the truck body (12) about said pivot (52) to steer the fork lift truck (10), the truck body (12) having a pair of <u>undriven</u> rear ground engaging wheels (16) mounted on transverse axes, <u>and</u> the lifting mechanism (14) having a single ground engaging front wheel (40) mounted centrally on a transverse axis, wherein only the front wheel (40) has independent drive means (44, 46).

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- 14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fork lift truck (10) according to claim 13 wherein the lift mechanism (14) is pivoted to the truck body (12) at a steering angle of substantially 90° or more.
- 15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fork lift truck (10) according to claim 13 wherein the front wheel (40) is positioned forwardly of the pivot connection (52) between the truck body (12) and the lifting mechanism (14).
- 16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fork lift truck (10) according to claim 13 wherein the front wheel (40) is positioned as far forward as possible towards a load bearing part (36) of the lifting mechanism (14).
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- 20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The fork lift truck (10) according to claim 13, wherein each of the pair of rear ground engaging wheels (16) and the single ground engaging front wheel (40) is driven independently by one of an hydraulic and an electric motor[[s]] (44, 60,62;70,72,74).
- 21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fork lift truck (10) according to claim 20, wherein the motor (44) is connected to the front wheel (40) by a gearbox (46).
- 22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The fork lift truck according to claim 20, wherein at least one of the motor (44) [[a]] and the gearbox (46) is built partially into a hub of the front wheel (40).
- 23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The fork lift truck according to claim 20, wherein the power for the motor[[s]] (44,60,62;70,72,74) is provided by one of an engine (80) of driven generator, a hydraulic pump (76,78), and a battery pack (64).
- 24. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fork lift truck according to claim 23, wherein the engine (80) is an internal combustion engine powered by fuel gas.

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25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A fork lift truck (10) having only three ground engaging wheels, the fork lift truck comprising a truck body (12) and a lift mechanism (14) connected to the truck body (12) by a vertically extending pivot (52), the truck body (12) having steering controls (24) for turning the lift mechanism (14), relative to the truck body (12) about the pivot (52), and steering the fork lift truck (10) during operation of the fork lift truck (10), the truck body (12) having only a pair of undriven rear ground engaging wheels (16) and the lifting mechanism (14) having only a single front ground engaging wheel (40), the vertically extending pivot (52) being located between the pair of rear ground engaging wheels (16) and single front ground engaging wheel (40) and only the single front ground engaging wheel (40) being driven by an independent a drive (44, 46).

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26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A fork lift truck (10) having only three ground engaging wheels, the fork lift truck comprising a truck body (12) and a lift mechanism (14) connected to the truck body (12) by a vertically extending pivot (52), the truck body (12) having steering controls (24) for turning the lift mechanism (14), relative to the truck body (12) about the pivot (52), and steering the fork lift truck (10) during operation of the fork lift truck (10), the truck body (12) having only a pair of nondriven rear ground engaging wheels (16) and the lifting mechanism (14) having only a single front ground engaging wheel (40), the vertically extending pivot (52) being located between the steering controls (24) and the lift mechanism (14), and only the single front ground engaging wheel (40) being driven by an independent a drive (44, 46).